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REMARKS

Claims 10, 12, 68 and 71-72 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10, 12 and 71 are amended. Various amendments are made for clarity and are unrelated to issues of patentability.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that independent claim 68 is allowed. However, as will be discussed below, all claims are believed to be allowable.

The Office Action rejects claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,324,522 to Peterson et al. (hereafter Peterson) in view of U.S. Patent 6,963,849 to Chaturvedi et al. (hereafter Chaturvedi). The Office Action also rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Peterson in view of U.S. Patent 5,963,915 to Kirsch. Still further, the Office Action rejects claims 71-72 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Peterson in view of U.S. Patent 6,085,171 to Leonard et al. (hereafter Leonard). The rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the pending claims.

Independent claim 10 recites a database server, a web server, and an order control server. Independent claim 10 also recites that the order control server is configured to restrict prescribed orders for each of the dealing companies based on information about the respective dealing companies, wherein the information of the respective dealing companies used to restrict prescribed orders relates to past performances of the corresponding dealing companies. Independent claim 10 also recites that order control server to obtain information about product order errors and to determine whether a product order error associated with a tangible product

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in a received order is correct, wherein the product order error is obtained from a previously established error list that identifies dealing companies having bad errors.

The applied references do not teach or suggest at least these features of independent claim 10. Independent claim 10 includes similar features as allowable claim 68 relating to a previously established error list and dealing companies having bad errors. Peterson and the other applied references do not teach or suggest the claimed order control server to obtain information about product order errors and to determine whether a product order error associated with a tangible product in a received order is correct, wherein the product order error is obtained from a previously established error list that identifies dealing companies having bad errors. Previously-cited Leonard relates to ordering a service. Leonard does not relate to product order errors associated with a tangible product. Peterson and the other applied references do not teach or suggest the missing features of independent claim 10. Thus, independent claim 10 defines patentable subject matter.

For at least the reasons set forth above, each of independent claims 10 and 68 defines patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 10, 12, 68 and 71-72 are

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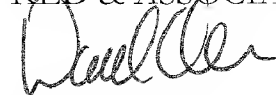
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earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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